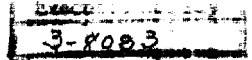


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Mr. Albert Balink
Editor, The Knickerbocker
50 Rockefeller Plaza
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Dear Mr. Balink:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to reply to your letter of March 10th inviting him to attend the Award Dinner of the William the Silent Award for Journalism.

Mr. Dulles will unfortunately be out of town on the day of the dinner and thus will be unable to attend.

Thank you very much for your cordial invitation.

Sincerely,



Assistant to the Director

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